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#### APPENDIX A

The claims have been amended as follows:

34. (Amended) The method of claim [22]33, wherein the salt is supplied in form of a contrast agent.
47. (Amended) A kit for performing tissue bulking comprising:
- (a) an 18 to 26 gauge needle;
  - (b) means for injecting a liquid based composition through said needle; and
  - (c) biocompatible, swellable, crosslinked, hydrophilic, non-toxic and substantially spherical microspheres injectable through said needle and which microspheres are not capable of being digested or eliminated by macrophage or other elements of said mammal's immune system after injection thereof.